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News that Col. Jelfego Monzon, President of Guatemalan Govern-
ment junta, and Col. Carlos Castillo Armas, who spearheaded
fight against Arbenz, had signed agreement this morning in San
Salvador touched off spontaneous celebration so noisy that one
observer thought fighting had broken out. Radio stations play-
ed full version of national anthem, repeated terms of agreement
between Monzon and Castillo and broadcast almost unintelligible
recordings of addresses by 2 leaders. Announcer dramatically
introduced this series with statement "People of Guatemala, be
peace. Ended are days of anguish and worry, of sorrow and
weeping caused by evil Guatemalans, bearers of the fatal germ
of the doctrine of international Communism, who wished to make
our country a Siberian satellite, without respect for the most
basic human principles: Religion, social harmony, and interna-
tional community." Church bells were rung hourly, flags were
hoisted and automobiles decorated, and people of Guatemala pre-
pared to give hero's welcome to their liberators.

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